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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 15,16,18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schneider.

Schneider teaches a hose clamp installation tool comprising a housing, 10, an arm, 14, disposed on the housing the arm including a tab, 43, and an engagement surface, 40, that contact first, 22, and second, 32, clamp tabs, respectively, to release the clamp from an open position to allow the clamp to shift to a closed position, (col. 6, lines 1-17), and a sensor that detects the shifting of the clamp and a power source for providing power to the sensor, and an output device for providing information to an operator based on the signal from the sensor, (col. 8, lines 1-17).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

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